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MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Director

SUBJECT: Proposed Inter-Agency Exchange of
Officers

1. The attached proposal has been given careful consideration, particularly from the standpoint of its effect on the Clandestine Services. It might well produce some beneficial results in the way of a broadening of understanding among its participating agencies over a long haul, but I would be concerned about its possible adverse effects, over a period of time, on the security of our operations. We are, as you know, already confronted with many calls from different quarters outside the Agency for information on our activities and we are attempting insofar as possible to hold down the constant drain.

2. However, while the proposal would not in my view be useful in the case of the Clandestine Services, I can see that it might well have some merit with respect to the DD/I, particularly its estimative component. Also, I would agree that the ad hoc borrowing of officers on an inter-agency basis for specific assignments with definite time limits ([redacted] serves a useful purpose and should be continued.

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